

According to another important aspect of the invention, apparatus 10 further includes a disk holding system 50 for holding baby bottle disks in a location that is isolated from areas of the tray 12 in which liquid may collect. This allows baby bottle [disc] disks to be dried and stored in a safe manner at a location that is convenient to a location at which baby bottles are being dried. In the preferred embodiment, [disc] disk holding system 50 includes an upstanding boss member 52 that projects upwardly from the upper face 16 of tray 12 and has a plurality of [disc] disk receiving slots 54 defined therein. Boss member 52 and slots 54 are raised with respect to an underlying reservoir 56 that is located in the forward portion of tray 12. As an added benefit, the reservoir space also acts as a finger space area for a user to get his/her fingers beneath the [disc] disk members for lifting them out after drying.

It is to be understood, however, that even though numerous characteristics and advantages of the present invention have been set forth in the foregoing description, together with details of the structure and function of the invention, the disclosure is illustrative only, and changes may be made in detail, especially in matters of shape, size and arrangement of parts within the principles of the invention to the full extent indicated by the broad general meaning of the terms in which the appended claims are expressed.

In the Claims:

Kindly delete claims 1-4 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims to read as follows. (For the Examiner's convenience, all of the claims presently pending are listed below.)

5. An apparatus for supporting baby bottles and related accessories for drying, comprising:

a tray having a bottom portion that is adapted to be supported by an underlying surface, an upper portion and at least two sidewalls;

a plurality of pegs extending outwardly from said upper portion, each of said

pegs being sized and arranged so as to be able to support a baby bottle; and at least one axle for mounting said pegs for common arcuate movement between a first storage position, wherein said entire peg is positioned adjacent to said upper portion for storage and packaging of said apparatus, and a second, operative position, wherein said peg is positioned so as to extend outwardly from said upper portion, said axle being mounted for rotation within a pair of opposed journal holes that are defined in said sidewalls, said journal holes being elevated with respect to said upper portion of said tray so as not to receive water from said upper portion of said tray.

6. An apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising frictional means connected to said axle for frictionally engaging said upper portion of said tray when said pegs are moved between said first storage position and said second operative position.

7. An apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said frictional means comprises a cam member connected to said axle and having a surface that is constructed and arranged to bear against said upper portion of said tray.

8. An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said frictional means bears against a horizontal portion of said upper portion of said tray.

9. An apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising location means connected to said axle for locking said pegs in said second, operative position.

10. An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said location means comprises a cam member connected to said axle having a first surface that contacts a cam stop surface that is defined in said upper face of said tray.

11. An apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said cam stop surface is elevated with respect to adjacent areas of said upper face of said tray.

12. An apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said frictional means comprises a second surface on said cam member, said second surface being constructed and arranged to bear against the upper face of said tray when said peg is moved between said first storage position and said second operative position.

13. An apparatus for supporting articles for drying, comprising:
a tray having a bottom portion that is adapted to be supported by an underlying surface and an upper portion;
a plurality of pegs extending outwardly from said upper portion, each of said